

Editor
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Dear Editor,

Your today's editorial ~~assault~~ on Ms. Geraldine Ferraro is neither factually correct nor fair and balanced.

It is not factually correct to state that she is involved in an "income tax scandal" and this the entire ~~basis~~ for your assault and unfairness.

Income-tax preparation today is enormously complicated and requires the services of those who are expert in their preparation. Errors as well as disagreements in interpretations of various provisions of the complicated laws are commonplace. *(40% of whose income was paid in taxes)*
Absent any showing of intent to ~~defraud~~ the government by the taxpayer, when the preparer errs the taxpayer is innocent. Much more innocent than, say, a Reagan attorney general who is found to be in violation of the laws he is supposed to uphold and defend.

Your concern for who is a "heart-beat away" from the Presidency does not seem to extend to the man in that position today and again in the coming election, George Bush. Have you forgotten what he was responsible for when he was Director, Central Intelligence, and all of its incredible departures from traditional American beliefs and practises? (To say nothing about deliberate violations of the laws.)

I do not recall your concern over a President in power who thinks it is funny to "joke" about launching a nuclear war and ~~incinerating~~ the planet.

Or your concern over a President who cannot stay awake in his normal duties and assigns them to those who have a long series of scandalous oversights. Like the Meese he wants to be attorney general, the Casey he has who is involved in the most dubious financial practises and sows mines in the high seas to kill the innocent and so many others.

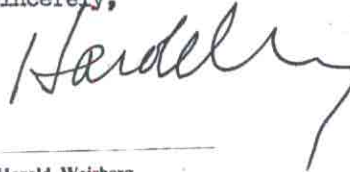
Or your concern over a President who was elected on his solemn word that he would reduce government spending and has instead given us a national debt that ten years ago could not even be imagined? This is honest and decent but you have questions when a professional tax preparer ~~is~~ is wrong, and on this you can string out the kinds of

accusations you make?

Your account of the property sale also is biased and unfair. It was worth more than Ms. Ferraro paid for it and not long after she sold her share that property was sold at a \$200,000 profit. Moreover, it was not illegal for her to sell her share to her husband's partner and it would not have been illegal for her to sell her share directly to her husband.

The expression of opinion in editorials is perfectly proper, but editorials also ought be both correct and fair. If they contain evaluations, those evaluations ought be balanced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold Weisberg", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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